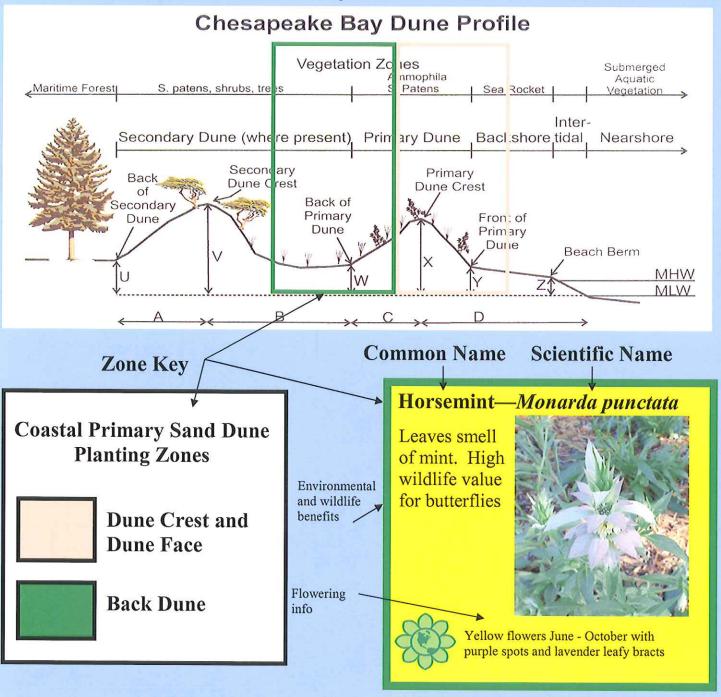
# Native Plants for Dune Restoration and Habitat Diversity: A Source Guide



This guide was prepared by Norfolk's Division of Environmental Services to provide citizens with information on native plants for dune restoration, enhancement, and ecological diversity on their private property. This is general guidance and the Division of Environmental Services (621-2564) should be contacted prior to plant purchase to provide free consultation and assistance regarding dune planting.



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#### Sea Oats - Uniola paniculata

Vital to dune stabilization. Seems to do best in the dune crest zone.





Flat yellowish oat-like spikelets from June - November

### Cape American Beach Grass - Ammophila breviligulata

Planted to bind sand and protect ocean-front property.

High wildlife value for songbirds.





Flowers and goes to seed July - September

#### Coastal Panic Grass - Panicum amarum

Important for beach stabilization. Can be planted earlier that beach grass or sea oats. Fast colonizer. High wildlife value for songbirds, waterfowl, and small mammals.





Flowers August - October

#### Sea Rocket - Cakile edentula

Annual. Grows on beaches between the mean high water line and the toe of the dune.

Sources: Collect seeds swept to the toe of the dune by wind in the fall.





Pale lavender blossoms July through September

#### Swamp Sunflower - Helianthus angustifolius

Grows in wet, sandy areas. Flowers attract butterflies and seeds attract songbirds.





Yellow flowers from August - October

#### Indian Blanket - Gaillardia pulchella

The plant attracts bees, butterflies, moths, and birds.





Daisy-like flowers - red-orange and yellow. Blooms summer - fall.

#### Horsemint - Monarda punctata

Leaves smell of mint. High wildlife value for butterflies.





Yellow flowers June - October with purple spots and lavender leafy bracts below flowers

#### Dune Bean - Strophostyles helvola

Attractive to bees, butterflies, and birds.

No known commercial sources.





Pink to lavender flowers from June to September

#### Salt Meadow Hay - Spartina patens

Good for erosion control, especially in back of the primary or secondary dune areas. Good cover for nesting birds.





Inconspicuous flowers.

#### Seaside Goldenrod - Solidago sempervirens

High wildlife value for butterflies, songbirds, and small mammals.





Golden yellow flowers from August to first frost

#### Beach Heather - Hudsonia tomentosa

Low, branched shrub, usually under 20 cm tall. Forms mats or low mounds.

No known commercial sources.





Bright yellow flowers open in the sun from May- July

#### Dusty Miller - Artemesia stelleriana

Imported from eastern Asia, now naturalized.





Yellow flowers from July-September

#### Spanish Bayonet - Yucca aloifolia

Long leathery purple berries found Oct.- Dec.





White bell-shaped flowers found June- July.

#### Prickly Pear Cactus - Opuntia drummondii

Two to four long spines per leaf.
Magenta berries.

No known commercial source. Get a cutting from a friend!





Yellow flower with many petals

#### Dune (Seaside) Spurge - Euphorbia polygonifolia

No known commercial source.





Separate male and female flowers in clusters

#### Seaside Evening Primrose - Oenothera humifusa

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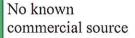




Four petals - yellow tinged with pink

#### Salt Spray Rose - Rosa rugosa

Attracts butterflies.
Thorny stems. May not be sustainable long-term due to heat tolerance.







Purplish-rose or white flowers from summer through first frost.

#### Sea Purslane - Sesuvium portulacastrum

Salty flavor of leaves used in salads and seafood dishes.





Five pink sepals. Flowers from July to September.

#### Sea Elder - Iva imbricata

Attractive to Songbirds.





Cream-colored flowers blooming late summer to early fall.

#### Chicory or Blue Sailors - Cichorium intybus

Considered a common roadside weed. Leaves resemble a dandelion.





Bright blue flowers from July through October but opening only in the sun.

#### Bayberry - Morella cerifera (Myrica cerifera)

Crushed leaves are aromatic. High wildlife value for songbirds. Wax from berries was used in colonial candle making.





Flowers with catkins in April.

#### Sickle-leaved Golden Aster - Chrysopsis falcata

Drought tolerant mounding plants. Clumping and slow growing. Taproot. Easily sown from seeds.





Blossoms are golden yellow from July - September.

#### Beach Pea - Lathyrus japonicus

Grows in open, sandy areas. Attracts bees and butterflies.

Source: 17 (seeds)





Violet to purple pea-like flowers blooming throughout the summer.

#### Blue Toadflax - Nuttallanthus canadensis

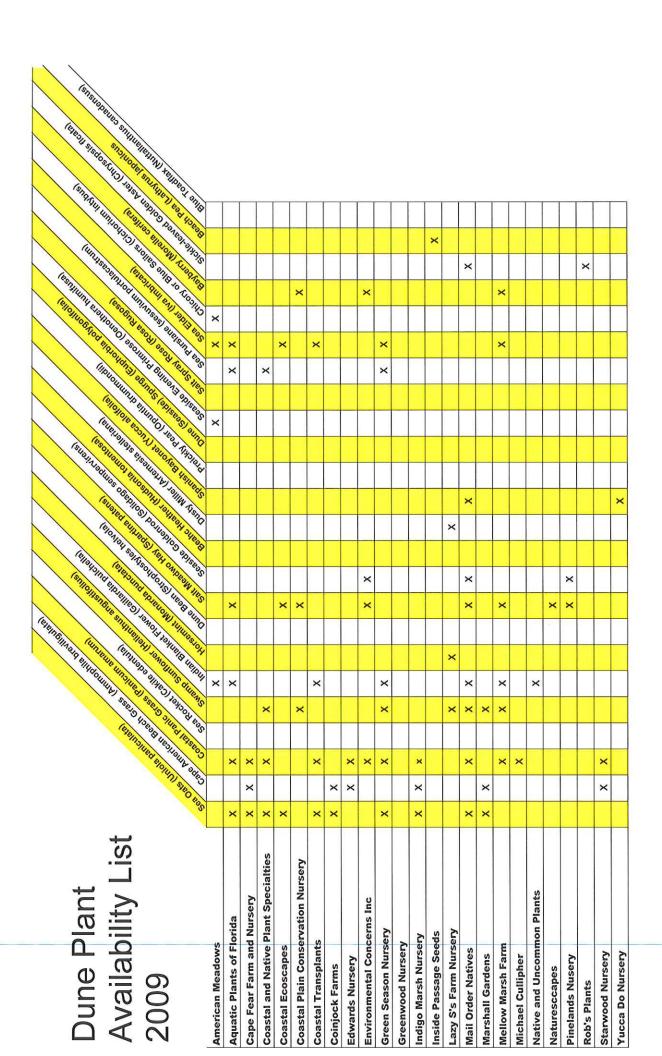
Found in maritime grasslands. Prefers sandy, well-drained soils.

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Flowers April through September.



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- 3. Cape Fear Farm and Nursery: Burgaw NC 28425 Contact: Dean Lanier (910) 259-7925.
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